

I am extremely dismayed about Sinclair Broadcasting's current electioneering activities. My local Sinclair station (WGME in Portland, Maine) recently began airing "commentary" at the end of each local news broadcast. The commentator is a Sinclair VP and the majority of these in recent weeks have been negative John Kerry pieces. They last approximately two minutes and they appear to be nothing more than campaign advertisements for George Bush.

Sinclair's recent decision to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" so close to the election is even more brazenly political than the commentaries following the local news. If these recent actions by Sinclair do not evidence the dangers of consolidation of our national media, then I am hard pressed to come up with a better example.

Using free air time for matters that are in the interests of the broadcast company and not in the interest of the public is not what our democracy is supposed to be all about.

Sincerely,

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